

## Notices

For further details on any of these events or activities,  
please contact the Parish Office on 810616.  
[www.stjamescarlisle.org.uk](http://www.stjamescarlisle.org.uk)

Services this Sunday	Preacher
10.30 am Holy Communion	Frank Tebbutt
6.30 pm Evening Worship	Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale	
10.30am Morning Worship	Mark Rimmer

Mon 7	10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study
	2.45pm Women's Fellowship Communion

Wed 9	10.00am - 11.30am Toddlers
	1.30pm - 3.00pm Toddlers
	3.00pm Cummersdale Prayer Meeting
	7.30pm Homegroup Leaders' Meeting

Thurs 10	10.30am - 11.30am Sticky Fingers
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Fri 11	7.45pm Badminton/Table Tennis
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Services Next Sunday	Preacher
10.30 am Morning Worship	Peter Cantley
6.30 pm Holy Communion	Ben Mattinson

Cummersdale	
10.30am Morning Worship	Frank Tebbutt

## Information

**Carol Singing** - Tuesday 15 December - This year we will be singing on the corner of Denton Street from 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along so that we can make a real impact in Denton Holme (also bring a torch or light if possible). Warm up afterwards at Wendy's house.

If you are able to provide **Mince Pies or Shortbread** for the services on 20th December please could you add your name to the sheet at the back of Church.

**Christmas magazines** are now available - could distributors please collect their bundle from the back of church or from the office as soon as possible.

**Questionnaires** regarding the Denton Street premises are available either from the Parish Centre, Op Shop, magazine or on the website. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to assist the new Vision Team.

**United Christian Broadcasters** are now able to broadcast nationally on DAB Radio. Tune in and support them if you can.

## Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen Richardson, Rosie Thwaites and Nora Klein.

## Flowers on the Table:

Loving memories of Frank Leslie

# S A I N T J A M E S C H U R C H

## CUMMERSDALE

Morning Worship  
10.30am, Sunday 6th December, 2009



Welcome to our service this morning as we consider 'The Light of the World'

## Welcome and Notices

### Opening Sentence:

"you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord".

*Ephesians Chapter 5 verses 8-10*

### Hymn

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,**  
Christ the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from oh high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till thy inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy Divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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**Time of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for giving in to our own desires instead of obeying your will.

In your love and mercy,

**Please forgive us and help us to obey you better.**

We are sorry for listening to the world around instead of responding to your voice.

In your love and mercy,

**Please forgive us and help us to listen better.**

We are sorry for running after material things instead of worshipping you.

In your love and mercy,

**Please forgive us and help us to worship you better.**

We are sorry for putting self on the throne instead of bowing before you, the King of kings.

In your love and mercy,

**Please forgive us and help us to serve you better.**

**For your own name's sake. Amen**

**Promise of forgiveness:**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalm 36**

Your steadfast love is great, O LORD;

It reaches heaven high.

Your faithfulness is wonderful,

Extending to the sky.

Your righteousness is very great,

Like mountains high and steep;

Your justice is like ocean depths.

Both man and beast you keep.

How precious is your steadfast love!

What confidence it brings!

Both high and low find shelter in

The shadow of your wings.

They feast within your house, and drink

From streams of your delight.

For with you is the source of life;

In your light we see light.

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Intercessions**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our  
Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Followed by:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Reading**

Matthew Chapter 5 verses 1-16

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**O Word of God Incarnate,**  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky;  
We praise thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps  
Shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master  
Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket,  
Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word.

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Above the darkling world.  
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That o'er life's surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Saviour,  
A lamp of purest gold,  
To bear before the nations  
Thy true light, as of old.  
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see thee face to face.

### Sermon

The Light of the World

### Hymn

(During the singing of this song there will be a collection to support Christian mission and ministry through St. James. If you are a guest or visitor please feel free to pass the plate along)

#### **Awake, my soul, and with the sun**

Thy daily stage of duty run:  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

By influence of the light Divine  
Let thine own light to others shine;  
Reflect all heav'n's propitious rays  
In ardent love and cheerful praise.

All praise to thee, who safe hast kept,  
And hast refreshed me whilst I slept:  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew,  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with thyself my spirit fill.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

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**Closing Prayer and Blessing**

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